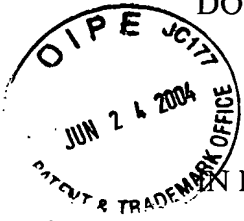


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated February 24, 2004, Applicants respectfully
request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following aremarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this response.